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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kang et al.

Application No.: 09/893,340

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: SURFACE FINISHING OF SOI

SUBSTRATES USING AN EPI

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Examiner:

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 29, 32-34, 36, 37, and 39 as follows.

29. (Amended) A dry method for finishing SOI substrates, said method comprising:

providing an SOI substrate comprising a cleaved surface, said cleaved surface having a first surface roughness value;